

Clover School District Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for executive session and for the regular business session at 6:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Chairperson Rob Wallace, Vice Chairperson Ginger Marr, Secretary Jessica Cody, members Mike Ballard, Matt Burris, Keron Meeks, and Tracy Stiff.

Others in attendance for the open session were Superintendent Dr. Sheila Quinn, Chief Financial Officer Ken Love, Chief Operations and Student Services Officer Dr. Mark Hopkins, Chief Human Resources and Strategic Planning Officer Dr. Tony Hemingway, and Board Attorney Franklin Pendleton. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Millicent Dickey and Public Information Officer Bryan Dillon attended the Open Session only.

Per the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), The Herald was notified of the meeting's time, date, place, and agenda as amended. An agenda was posted at the meeting site and on the school district Web Site.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and requested a motion to convene the executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mrs. Marr. The motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session included discussions on personnel and legal matters.

A motion to suspend the executive session and go into an open session was made by Mrs. Cody and seconded by Mrs. Stiff at 6:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION-LIVE-STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE

Mr. Wallace called the public open session meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., which was Live Streamed via the district's YouTube page. The audience was welcomed and greeted. Mr. Wallace read the guidelines for the meeting format. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Mrs. Stiff.

The January 29, 2024, agenda was approved with no objections or concerns.

The board approved the printed minutes from the December 11, 2023, regular meeting and the December 19, 2023, special called meeting as written with no objections or additional concerns.

The board approved the staff personnel recommendations presented by the administration in executive session with no objections or concerns.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND APPRECIATIONS:

Dr. Quinn and the board recognized the following recognitions were made:

[Lauryn Vinson, Oakridge Elementary – Noetic Learning Math Contest medalist](#)

Our first recognition of the night is Ms. Lauryn Vinson of Oakridge Elementary School.

Earlier this year, as part of her GT Math Class, Lauryn participated in the Noetic Learning national math contest. Lauryn will be receiving two medals for her performance in the competition! She earned the first medal for being the top-scoring student in her entire class and the second medal for finishing in the top 10% of all 5th-grade students nationwide! Congratulations, Lauryn! Keep up the good work.

Paulette King, Adult Education – Adult Education Teacher of the Year

Ms. Paulette King of CSD's branch of the Tri-District Adult Education program was recently selected as our region's Part-Time Teacher of the Year.

Each year, this award is presented to a part-time adult education teacher who works 29 hours per week or less in the region and who has demonstrated success and dictation to their position/group.

Congratulations to Ms. King! Ms. Kristy Austin, the director of Tri-District Adult Education, accepted the recognition on behalf of Ms. King.

Karen Schmolze, Clover High School – 5th consecutive AP computer diversity award

For the 5th consecutive year, Mrs. Karen Schmolze and Clover High School have received the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for her AP Computer Science Principles course. Out of 18,000 secondary schools worldwide that offer AP courses, her class is one of only 4% that achieved this result.

College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award recognizes schools that are closing the gender gap and engaging more female students in computer science coursework in AP Computer Science Principles (AP CSP) and AP Computer Science A (AP CSA). Specifically, the College Board is honoring schools that reached 50% or higher female representation in either of the two AP computer science courses or whose percentage of the female examinees met or exceeded that of the school's female population.

Lily Savikas, Clover High – Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Student Athletic Trainer

Recently, senior athletic training student Lily Savikas was selected to serve as a student Athletic Trainer at the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas this past December. Lily spent the week in Spartanburg working with the sports medicine staff for the team from South Carolina. The event chooses students from across the state of South Carolina to represent their school in the football bowl game that features the top student-athletes and student-athletic trainers from across the states of North and South Carolina.

Congratulations, Lily!

CSD Holiday Recognition Program – Community Recognitions

The Holiday, for many, is a great time, while for others, it can be stressful over concerns of being able to provide things that many of us do not have to think twice about. Each year during the holiday season, our School Social Workers work with various organizations around the community to support families in need.

Tonight, we want to thank the following organizations who helped CSD spread holiday cheer to many families in our district.

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- [**Clover Presbyterian Church**](#) - The Clover Presbyterian Church has hosted the Birthday Party for Jesus event for over 20 years. Twenty Angel Tree children and their family members are invited for Christmas morning fun with crafts, fellowship, and a big family-style breakfast. The day ends with a visit from Santa, toys hidden away in the parents' car for Christmas morning, and a take-home Christmas meal with all the trimmings for the entire family.
- [**First United Methodist Church**](#) - The United Methodist Men began the Christmas Shopping Spree over 25 years ago. The program has evolved into an annual church-wide event with over 60 volunteers serving 30 children. The morning includes breakfast, a visit with Santa, a shopping spree at Dollar General, wrapping presents, crafts, and fellowship. Each child receives Christmas gifts, including new tennis shoes and a Blue Eagle hoodie, and their family receives groceries for a Christmas meal.
- [**Imagine Church**](#) - Imagine Church began partnering with the Clover School District in 2015, supporting both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Assistance Programs. This year, Imagine provided complete Thanksgiving dinners to 31 families and provided 23 new bikes and helmets at Christmas. Over the course of 9 years, Imagine Church has provided 408 families' Thanksgiving dinners and 124 bikes to Clover children!
- [**New River Church**](#) - Over the past several years, New River Church has been instrumental in helping the social workers collect brand-new school bags filled with school supplies at the beginning of the school year. In addition, New River partners with the school district at Christmas to provide clothing baskets filled with household items such as laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, towels, dish soap, sponges, gift cards, and other household essentials for every family receiving holiday assistance. This year's donation was 150 baskets.
- [**The Clover Jaycees**](#) - The Clover Jaycees have partnered with CSD since 1999 to ensure that the children of Clover's Christmas wishes are granted. While the program has changed over the years, its commitment to brightening every child's Christmas remains strong. The Jaycees still take their own angels to provide gifts for, but they also ensure that all siblings have equal amounts of gifts on Christmas morning by fundraising throughout the year to raise money to provide gifts and clothing. They also organize all the deliveries for the angels, Imagine Church bikes, New River Baskets, and other donations. This year alone, they delivered Christmas presents and baskets to 168 families in the Clover School District.

[**Clover LEAF – School Lunch Debt Campaign**](#)

Members of the Clover LEAF Foundation Board of Directors are being recognized for their School Lunch Debt campaign. During the holiday season, Clover LEAF raised \$3,665.56—with more on the way—to pay off student lunch debt accumulated during the first semester. Board of Directors members are here tonight with their big check to present those funds to the school district. We would especially like to honor Dr. Ashley Scott and Dr. Bertrina Scott of CLEER Air for their generous donation to this campaign.

Additionally, Clover LEAF conducted officer and director elections last week. We extend our deepest gratitude to outgoing President Jackie Hicks and Vice President for Fundraising Sherri Ciurlik. We thank them for their leadership and are delighted that they will continue to serve on the Board of Directors. We'd also like to introduce you to the new executive board of the Clover LEAF Foundation—President Kyle Eller,

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Vice President for Fundraising Marty Cotton, Vice President for Grants Catherine Myrick, Treasurer Alexis Ellis, and Secretary Windy Bartee.

Clover LEAF has two fundraising events coming up in March and April. We hope our community will support their inaugural gala on March 23 and Clover Cuisine on April 25 as they fulfill their mission of supporting Clover School District in achieving and maintaining educational excellence.

December and January Employees of the Month

At this time, we'd like to recognize the Employees of the Month for December and January. We thank our business partners at United Bank for sponsoring a cash prize for each of these recipients.

Bethany Elementary – Kelly Steward and Samantha Griffith

Bethel Elementary – Michael Jenkins and Debbie Jones

Crowders Creek Elementary – Jones Hines and Judith Cote

Griggs Road Elementary – Keisha Pendergrass

Kinard Elementary – Rachel Hess and Ally Butler

Larne Elementary – James Stowe and Elizabeth Milem

Oakridge Elementary – Jan Smith and Morgan Borders

Clover Middle School – Kate Burnett and Tim Gunn

Oakridge Middle School – Krista Blazek and Lee Sykes

Clover High School – Christina Deal and Alison Chrum

Ninth Grade Campus – Julie Pohar and Matt Mauer

Applied Technology Campus – Jessica Darby and Tony Cotton

Clover Virtual Academy – Josephine Garcia and Mike Rago

District – Brenda Jackson

Dr. Sheila Quinn – NSPRA 2023 Superintendent to Watch

Dr. Quinn is being honored tonight as a recipient of the NSPRA 2023 Superintendent to Watch Award!

Up to 25 superintendents nationwide may be selected for the award each year. Honorees are school district leaders who have fewer than five years of experience as a superintendent and who demonstrate dynamic, fast-paced leadership with strong communication at its core. They use communication technology in innovative and effective ways to engage and inform their school communities and to expand two-way communication and outreach efforts.

Recipients of the award demonstrate the implementation of a communication program that includes both new and standard communication tools and the inclusion of communication goals and strategies in the district's strategic plan and are visibly involved in the district's communication effort. Congratulations, Dr. Quinn, on receiving this award!

Clover School District Board of Trustees – Board Recognition Month

Mr. Wayne Williams, CSD Teacher of the Year and SC State Teacher of the Year Finalist, on behalf of the Teacher Forum, thanked the board members for their tireless contributions to the staff and children of CSD.

January is School Board Recognition Month. Clover School District joins other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to advocate for our children and public schools. The Clover School Board of Trustees was recognized for their service and dedication to the school district, the parents, children, and community members who comprise the district. Thank you for all that you do for public education. Thank you for building a better and brighter future for the children that we serve.

As part of tonight's School Board Recognition Month, board members signed **the ethical** principles as established by SCSBA for school board members. The ethical principles is a pledge of their efforts to improve public education in our community.

PUBLIC FORUM - NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: ROARING EAGLES – DR. KELLY CLARK, EDITOR IN CHIEF, STAFF MEMBERS: LILY WALLACE, MYKAYA SPENCER, EMILY BELK, JOLIE BROOKS, JORDAN BOWERS, DAVID MOLLINEDO

The absence of a local newspaper has created a void of information dissemination for our community. In true problem-solving fashion, the River Hills Lions Club and Clover District entered into a pursuit to fill the void. Through a year-long process of communication and proposals, we are proud to say the end result is not only an excellent newspaper but also a new opportunity for learning and a stronger connection across our community. The Roaring Eagle is both a reflection and representative manifestation of the very best of our community. Dr. Kelly and her students will share '[The Roaring Eagle](#).'

RESIDENCY, ATTENDANCE, SOCIAL WORKER UPDATE – ATTENDANCE MATTERS! - MR. COURTNEY JONES, DISTRICT ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. Jones's [report](#) provided an overview of the district's Social Work Services. He shared the district's residency requirements and how the social work department addresses student needs and chronic absenteeism.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE PROPOSALS – MR. ROD RUTH, CHIEF STUDENT SERVICES AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

In an effort to expand opportunities to Clover School District students, Clover High School will offer 16 new courses during the 2024-2025 school year. Among these offerings are 8 Dual Enrollment and 2 Advanced Placement courses. The new [Dual Enrollment](#) opportunities represent our expanding partnership with USC Union. For those new courses without a state code, authority is given to the school board to approve those courses locally. Mr. Ruth presented the following new courses for Local Board Approval (LBA):

- African American Studies 2
- Honors Career Exploratory
- Anatomy and Physiology 2
- Newspaper Production 2 Honors

The board unanimously approved the request for four new Local Board Approval (LBA) courses as presented.

NAMING OF NEW SCHOOLS - MR. BRYAN DILLON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Mr. Dillon reviewed the process and survey results for the [naming of new schools, colors, and mascots](#) over the past four months. The policy for naming schools and focus group results was also reviewed. Based on feedback and recommendations from the focus groups, it was noted that the selected name for Middle School (MS) #3 should not be the name of a person. The focus group strongly urged the board to consider Roosevelt as the name for MS #3. Mr. Meeks thought it was a great idea to pay homage to the Roosevelt Tigers of the past. ***A motion to name MS #3 Roosevelt Middle School, with the Tiger as the mascot and blue and gold as the school colors, was made by Mr. Meeks. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

The recommendations from the focus group for naming the high school were listed: 1) the name should not create confusion; 2) the selected name should not duplicate another local or regional school name; 3) the selected name should not be one that would divide the community. The Board felt four names had significance to the area based on geographical locations and history. ***Mrs. Stiff made a motion to name HS #2 Lake Wylie High School. Mr. Meeks seconded the motion. The motion to name HS #2 Lake Wylie High School passed 5-2, with Mrs. Marr and Mr. Ballard voting no.***

The recommendations for Elementary School #8 were: 1) the selected school name should not be the name of a person, and 2) the name should not create confusion. The Board considered four names that had significance to the area based on geographical locations and history. ***Mrs. Cody made a motion to name ES #8 Liberty Hill Elementary School. Mrs. Marr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

Naming of Mascots and Colors

The recommendations from the focus group were: 1) the selected mascot should not duplicate out-of-district local and regional schools, 2) the mascot should stick with the Eagle theme at the high school level but with a unique identity, and 3) if MS and ES break with the Eagle tradition, the focus group would be open to a mascot other than an Eagle. The board considered six names for the high school mascot. ***Mr. Ballard made a motion to name the LWHS mascot Chargers. Mrs. Cody seconded the motion. The motion to name the LWHS mascot Chargers passed 6-1, with Mr. Meeks voting no. Mr. Burris made a motion to name the Liberty Hill Elementary School mascot Patriots. Mrs. Marr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

The public information office shared proposed color schemes for the schools and will work with some brand identities and graphic designers to pick specific shades. ***Mr. Burris made a motion for the light blue/gold color scheme for the LWHS Chargers. Mrs. Marr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

Mrs. Marr made a motion for the red, white, and blue color scheme for Liberty Hill Elementary School Patriots. Mrs. Stiff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board was thanked for their hard work during the naming process.

MONTHLY FACULTIES REPORT – DR. MARK HOPKINS, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

Dr. Hopkins gave a brief [update](#) on LWHS and Roosevelt Middle School. He commented that a comprehensive update will be provided in February. The following approvals were requested:

- A request to approve a change order for blasting at CHS in the amount of \$109,510.00. ***The board unanimously approved the change order for blasting at CHS, not to exceed an amount of \$109,510.00, as requested.***
- Request for approval for a change order to install lights at the remaining tennis courts at CHS in the amount of \$72,451.00. ***The board unanimously approved the change order request to install lights at the remaining tennis courts at CHS, not to exceed an amount of \$72,451.00.***
- Request to proceed with the sale of 1.33 acres at the Cannonball Run site to Comporium for \$75,000.00. ***The board unanimously approved the sale of 1.33 acres at the Cannonball Run site to Comporium for \$ 75,000.00, as requested.***

FINANCE REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- Mr. Love provided the [monthly finance report](#), which included the general fund printout for the period ending December 31, 2023. It was noted that the major mortgage companies paid the property taxes for mortgages in January rather than in December, resulting in a tightening of the cash flow with no negative effect. The sole source reports and emergency reports were also shared.
- Bids for the purchase of CHS weight room equipment have been received. The two top bids were Total Strength and Speed for \$377,118.98 and Dynamic Fitness for \$375,591.70. The selection committee recommends Total Strength and Speed because it meets all the specifications needed by the athletic department, including the warranty and branding. Several colleges and area schools use Total Strength. ***Mr. Love recommended approval of the bid for weight room equipment from Total Strength and Speed for \$377,118.98. The board unanimously approved the bid for weight room equipment from Total Strength and Speed for \$377,118.98, as requested.***

With no additional comments or concerns, Dr. Quinn and Mr. Wallace thanked the audience for attending.

Mrs. Stiff made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and reconvene the Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Marr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session reconvened at 7:50 p.m. for legal discussions.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:55 pm was made by Mrs. Cody and seconded by Mrs. Stiff. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Rob Wallace, Chairperson

Mike Ballard

Ginger Marr, Vice Chairperson

Matt Burris

Jessica Cody, Secretary

Keron Meeks

Tracy Stiff

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